

## BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Vibrantly open to the spirit, Bethel Lutheran Church serves God and its neighbors by joyfully living and sharing the Good News.*

Sunday, February 14, 2018  
Ash Wednesday

Aaron Holmgren, Pastor  
Jan Smith, Keyboardist

### Order of Service

Gathering in Reflective Silence

Welcome

Confession of Sin (p. 252)

First Reading Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Responsive Reading (adapted from Psalm 51)

- L** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**C** **according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.**
- L** Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin.  
**C** **For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.**
- L** Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
**C** **so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.  
**C** **Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.**
- L** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**C** **and sustain in me a willing spirit.**
- L** Deliver us from bloodshed, O God of our salvation, and our tongues will sing aloud of your deliverance.  
**C** **O Lord, open our lips, and our mouths will declare your praise.**

Holden Evening Prayer: Service of Light, Psalmody, Readings and Canticles (p. 1-8)

Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Homily

Holden Evening Prayer: The Annunciation, The Magnificat, Litany and Prayers (p. 8-11)

Offering

Offertory Anthem “Be Thou My Vision” Arr. By Dan Forrest

Bethel Choir

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer (p. 255)

Imposition of Ashes/Holy Communion

“Lamb of God... setting 9” (p. 201)

“Savior, When in Dust to You” ELW # 601

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” ELW # 490 (st. 1-3)

Communion Blessing

Holden Evening Prayer: Final Blessing (p. 12)



*\*Thank you to our Holden Evening Song Leaders and Bethel Choir and Accompanist for their gift of music!*

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